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# To the Dahlia Lover

Superceding all previous Lists.

I am taking great pleasure in presenting to you this list of exceptionally good dahlias containing many Certificate of Merit and Honor Roll dahlias together with some of the older varieties which have proved themselves of outstanding worth and dependability.

As I have acquired a large seed clientele I grow only the better and larger varieties of cactus, semi-cactus and decorative types of dahlias in my garden which is situated in a territory free from any of the smaller types of dahlias.

All seed is thoroughly ripened on the plants which is made possible by the long California growing season and thus is assured of a high percentage of germination. Seed is all hand picked and hand cleaned and thoroughly tested before shipping.

I DO NOT GROW FOR CUT FLOWERS AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NO REASON TO FORCE MY PLANTS, THUS ALLOWING ALL THE STRENGTH OF A NORMAL GROWTH TO GO TO THE SEED AND TUBERS.

We cordially invite you to visit our gardens at blooming time.

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW IN OUR GARDENS AT BLOOMING TIME and you and your friends are welcome to come as often as you wish and without feeling under obligation to buy.

Postage paid on all retail orders of \$2.00 or over.

Courtesy to the trade.

Seed prices are Net and are as follows:

1000 seed \$30.00. 100 seed \$4.00.  
Trial packet (25 seed) \$1.00.

All seed sold in mixed packets and cash must accompany all seed and tuber orders. A special price will be quoted on all seed orders of 5000 seed or more. Planting instructions with all orders. Petrie's Select Dahlia Seeds may also be obtained from:—

ROXBURY DAHLIA GARDENS  
37 S. Canton Rd.  
East Akron, Ohio.  
SMITH'S FLOWER GARDENS  
R F D 65  
Royal Oaks, Michigan.

Member of: American Dahlia Society.

British National Dahlia Society.

Dahlia Society of Southern California.

Long Beach Dahlia and Floral Society.

Abbreviations:

C—Cactus.

S. C.—Semi-cactus.

Str. C—Straight cactus.

D—Decorative.

I. C.—Incurved cactus.

I. D.—Informal decorative.

# INTRODUCING FOR 1936

## **Lyman Stewart** (Petrie) I. D.

A brilliant flaming orange of good depth on good stems that require no staking. Immediately attracts the attention of visitors to the garden. Foliage heavy and insect resisting. Height  $5\frac{1}{2}'$ . Bloom 11".

A good bloomer and root maker and desirable in every way.

Roots \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

## **Mary I. Reeser** (Petrie) I.D.

A very fine, clear orchid color of very strong growth.

This one also requires no stalking as it has the typical PETRIE stem. Height 5' and size of bloom 10" to 11". Good bloomer and root maker.

Foliage is all that can be desired.

Roots \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

(On account of shortage of stock of the above two varieties, money for root orders will be immediately returned when root stock is exhausted.)

## **Roxbury's Ideal** (Roxbury Dahlia Gardens) I. D.

A commercial type dahlia of a fine pink. Described as a true pink. Blooms  $8\frac{1}{2}"$  to 10" and height about  $4\frac{1}{2}'$ . Very heavy foliage.

An early and prolific bloomer with flowers always facing.

A very robust grower and flowers do not shed petals.

Roots \$7.50. Plants \$3.75.

## **Challenger** (Watkins) S. C.

This very fine red semi-cactus is of a very artistic formation.

A prolific bloomer and a good, strong, husky grower with foliage that is very tough and insect resistant. Roots are good keepers and while I have grown it for four years I have never seen a weak plant.

Roots \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

## GENERAL LIST

### **Atlantic City** (F. D.)

Very formal bloom of rich autumn. A fine cut flower and a profuse bloomer. Exceptionally straight, stiff stems with heavy foliage.

Roots \$1.00.

### **Analee McClure** (I. D.)

A good keeping white on cane stems. Blooms 10" to 12" facing.

A good keeper.

Green plants only \$2.50.

### **Andrea Erickson** I. D.

Pure white of good size. Profuse bloomer.

Roots \$.50.

### **Bette Davis** S. C.

Deep violet rose. Full center. Many petals.

Flower facing on long, rigid stems.

Roots \$5.00.

### **Betty Rose Taylor** D.

Cut flower variety of deep rose pink on long, stiff, straight stems. Very tough insect resistant foliage.

Roots \$1.50.

**Betty Gould I. D.**

Apple blossom pink to lighter center. Cut flower variety.  
Roots \$1.50.

**California Idol I. D.**

A giant, clear glistening yellow. Very deep flower of a true pastel shade. My choice as the best introduction of 1935.

Roots \$10.00.

**Cavalcade F. D.**

An attractive old rose or mulberry pink on long, stiff stems. This is a commercial variety but next to California Idol. I consider it the best 1935 introduction.

Roots \$5.00.

**Challenger S. C.**

See new offerings for 1936.

**Chinese Lantern I. D.**

Chinese red with gold reverse.

Green plants \$2.50.

**Charlie Chaplin (Petrie) I. D.**

Very large deep gold shading to bronzy center. Exceptionally strong grower and a prolific bloomer. Long, straight stems and insect resistant foliage. Certificate of Merit and Honor Roll 1934.

Roots \$5.00.

**Claron D.**

A two toned dahlia of scarlet with reverse streaked a sulphur yellow and small gold tips.

An exceptionally good keeper. Needs no treating.

Roots \$3.00.

**Clara Barton I. D.**

A very large bloom of silvery orchid with reverse a deep lavender. Prolific bloomer and never stunts. Long straight stems and tough foliage. I recommend this one.

Roots \$3.00.

**Dorothy Crowell (Petrie) I. D.**

Very beautiful dahlia of graceful formation with long, wavy petals. Deep lavender to a lighter center. Good keeper and tough foliage with long, straight, stiff stems. Never stunts. Bloom 11". Height 6'.

Something on the order of "Laurentic" but a better dahlia as to size and keeping qualities. Holds up better in hot weather.

Roots \$5.00.

**Dot Farley I. D.**

Very large with good stems. Closed centers and a prolific bloomer. Blend of gold and yellow and peach pink.

Roots \$2.50.

**Edward G. Barnes I. D.**

One from Stredwick of England. A massive white decorative with broad florets. Flowers are both deep and wide and stems are excellent.

Green plants \$2.50.

**Eleanor Roosevelt F. D.**

Very large attractive white. Good stem and foliage.

Green plants \$2.00.



<b>Elegance</b> S. C.		
Glistening coral with center of flower and tips of petals yellow.		Green plants \$2.50.
<b>Elissa Landi</b> I. D.		
A good salmon orange.		Roots \$3.00.
<b>Ft. Monmouth</b> S. C.		
Rich, crimson maroon on long, stiff stems. Very large.		Roots \$.75.
<b>F. W. Fellows</b> Eng. Cactus.		
A true English cactus of large size. Orange-scarlet.		Roots \$.75.
<b>Golden Eclipse</b> F. D.		
Gold with a center of warm salmon. Tall, vigorous grower with good habits. Extra long, straight stems. Certificate of Merit and Honor Roll.		Roots \$2.50.
<b>Golden Hoard</b> I. D.		
Old gold with a faint shading of pink on reverse. 11" to 12" bloom.		Green plants \$2.50.
<b>Juanita Menacho</b> S. C.		
Very large, deep bluish violet. Strong grower and free bloomer. I am also especially pleased with this one.		Green plants \$1.00 Net.
<b>Kay Francis</b> S. C.		
Light lemon yellow. Artistic, insect resisting foliage.		Roots \$5.00.
<b>La Reina de Los Angeles</b> S. C.		
A very beautiful semi cactus of watermelon pink on extra long, straight, stiff stems. A wonderful keeper and a dahlia that "takes" wherever seen.		Roots \$5.00.
<b>Laurentic</b> I. D.		
Another from England. Lilac pink with white base. Quite large. A very beautiful flower when grown well.		Roots \$5.00.
<b>Lemonia</b> S. C.		
A massive, clear, brilliant lemon yellow of great depth. The blooms are high and facing on long, rigid stems. Good keeper. Tall grower.		Green plants \$2.50.
<b>Lilac Glory</b> C.		
Large lilac flushed silver.		Green plants \$1.00.
<b>Mary Elizabeth Redfern</b> I. D.		
A large deep orchid rose of good formation. Good, strong grower on long stems and a good bloomer.		Roots \$5.00.
<b>May Robson</b> S. C.		
Clear, bright pink and very attractive. Good keeper.		Green plants \$2.50.
<b>Mary I. Reeser (Petrie)</b> I. D.		
See New Introductions for 1936		

**Mrs. Bruce Collins C.**

Lemon yellow shading lighter at tips. True cactus type.  
Roots \$5.00.

**Mother's Day F. D.**

White with some of the petals slightly flecked carmine.  
Exceptionally profuse bloomer with tough foliage.  
Roots \$5.00.

**Marjorie Cole I. D.**

Orange and white. Wonderful bloomer. Fine for cutting.  
Roots \$1.00.

**Palo Alto S. C.**

Very large bright pinkish salmon shading to gold. Tall  
straight stems. Blooms about 12". Good bloomer.  
Green plants \$1.50.

**Prachkerl S. C.**

Borders from incurved cactus to semi-cactus type. Clear  
primrose yellow with good stem. Good grower.  
Green plants \$5.00.

**R. A. Broomfield (Petrie) I. D.**

Capucine orange shaded rose pink. Very bright and at-  
tractive on good long stems. A prolific bloomer and root  
maker. All good qualities.  
Roots \$3.00

**Sonny Boy I. D.**

Very large old rose slightly tinged gold. Medium height  
with good stems. A prolific bloomer and the blooms are just  
naturally large.  
Roots \$2.50.

**Strongheart F. D.**

Very large pure vivid gold on long rigid stems. Blooms  
are up to 12" and well above the foliage.  
Roots \$1.50.

**Virginia Club C.**

Pure white cactus with needle-like petals.

Green plants \$2.50.

**Washington Giant I. D.**

Very large lavender streaked silver.

Roots \$3.00.

**Wenoka F. D.**

Huge rosy mauve and deep magenta on long, stiff stems.

Roots \$10.00.

(Note:—

I grew many, many more of the highly touted foreign  
varieties as well as some of the American and have been  
forced to discard them as they did not do well with me.  
I have **destroyed the stock** of such and am offering to my  
clientele only such stock as really grew well with me and  
in which I have confidence. I take the loss and do not try  
to make it back from innocent and trustworthy purchasers.)

Join your local Dahlia Society as well as The American  
Dahlia Society and keep posted on new and worth while  
dahlia originations as well as the best methods of growing  
same. Dues in The American Dahlia Society are \$2.00  
yearly and may be sent to

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